

Board Agenda Item
April 26, 2006

PRESENTATION - 1

Trailfest Update

Staff will provide an update on Trailfest, which is being held on May 6, 2006 to celebrate the opening of the Cross County Trail. This day-long celebration will include numerous activities and ribbon cutting ceremonies throughout the day along the 40 mile trail. It will conclude at the Laurel Hill Golf Club with a final ceremony, celebration and fireworks display.

STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director

Timothy K. White, Chief Operating Officer

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Resolution Honoring John Melanson upon his Retirement from the Park Authority

ISSUE:

Approval of a resolution to honor the service and accomplishment of Mr. John Melanson upon his retirement from the Park Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of this resolution honoring Mr. John Melanson upon his retirement from the Park Authority.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on April 26, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

John Melanson has consistently received high marks for his performance and dedication. He began his tenure with the Park Authority in 1977 when he was hired as a seasonal employee in the landscape group. He soon became a merit employee working at Greendale Golf Course, and later serving as Assistant Manager at Royal Lake Park. He also worked as Assistant Park Specialist at Lake Accotink in 1988 and then transferred to Pinecrest Golf and later to Burke Lake Golf in 1993.

John Melanson has made a lasting contribution to the golfing community through his dedicated service to juniors and beginning golfers, as well as thousands of other regular players. He will be missed by co-workers and colleagues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

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STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director

Timothy K. White, Chief Operating Officer

Leslie Amiri, Director, Human Capital Development and Services

Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

WHEREAS, John Melanson has consistently received high marks for his performance and dedication throughout his tenure with the agency, which began in May 1977 when he was hired as a seasonal Maintenance Trade Helper I in the landscape group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melanson became a merit employee one year later, worked at Greendale Golf Course in 1980, served as Assistant Manager at Royal Lake Park in 1986, and as Assistant Park Specialist at Lake Accotink in 1988, and was then transferred to Pinecrest Golf Course and later to Burke Lake Golf Course in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melanson was recognized with two letters of commendation including one from Paul Engman, Manager of Golf Enterprises, which applauded the ongoing work of John and his capable staff, as well as another letter from Director Michael A. Kane recognizing the accolades received from customers about John's excellent work; and

WHEREAS, over his career, Mr. Melanson has made a lasting contribution to the golfing community through his dedicated service to juniors and beginning golfers, as well as thousands of other regular players that call Burke Lake Golf Course home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melanson will be remembered as an invaluable member of the park management team and one of those genuinely nice guys people like to be around;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board that it expresses appreciation and thanks to

John Melanson

*for dedicated and outstanding contributions to the Park Authority and the citizens of Fairfax County.
Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on April 26, 2006*

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Harold L. Strickland
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 2

Adoption of Minutes – April 12, 2006 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on April 26, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENT:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 12, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Chief Operating Officer
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 12, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman*
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon*
Winifred S. Shapiro*

*Board Members Absent

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Elisa Lueck
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Michael Rierson
Kay Rutledge
Dan Sutherland
Bethany Timmes

Guests: Katie Baker – Student
Nathan VanMeter – Student
Neal and Alice Straker – White Park
Dennis Conken – White Park

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda (as publicized). **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

A-4. Contract Award – Open-End Contract for Cultural Landscape Report will be considered at the April 26, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

NOTE: Later in the meeting, Mr. Strickland cancelled CLOSED SESSION – Adoption of Closed Session Minutes and considered the Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 in Public Session. (Board Members had previously received and reviewed the Closed Session Minutes being considered.)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board Meetings**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace was out-of-the-room. Being absent from the March 8, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Batten **ABSTAINED** from the vote. Being absent from the March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Approval to Apply to the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for the Invasive Management Area Program**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the application for grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for the Invasive Management Area Program; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Appointment to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board concurrence for the appointment of René Curbelo to the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Park Foundation for a three year term; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

A-3 Contract Award – Open-End Contracts for Archaeological Services

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve contract awards to the firms of Louis Berger Group, URS, and Wetlands Studies and Solutions. The total contract award is in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000, for a period of one-year with the option of two (2) two-year renewals; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

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A-4 Contract Award – Open-End Contracts for Cultural Landscape Report Consultant Services

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

This item will be considered at the April 26, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

A-5 Approval – Installation of a Plaque at Mt. Zephyr Park

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** approval of a request by the Mt. Zephyr Citizens Association, Incorporated to install a plaque at Mt. Zephyr Park in recognition of Ingeborg Catlett's contributions for the betterment and preservation of the park in accordance with Policy 406 Signs and Displays; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mr. Strickland reported that there were no CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS at this time.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

• **2006 Legislative Report**

Mr. Kane distributed a report prepared by Elisa Lueck that highlights legislation from the 2006 General Assembly that has the potential to impact the Park Authority. Included in the report is a summary of legislation that either passed in 2006 or was continued in 2007, as well as Bills that failed.

Mr. Kane called attention to **Senate Bill 257 – Child Day Program; exemption from licensure for programs of recreational activities**. Mr. Kane noted that this is a very positive initiative for the Park Authority. While pure daycare programs are still required to be licensed, this will fully exempt any of the Park Authority's recreational programs like Rec-PAC camps from licensure. This Bill was championed by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society and had the endorsement of all park and recreation departments throughout the state.

Under **House Bill 771 – Requires localities to hold a public hearing prior to adopting an ordinance or resolution initiating a condemnation**. This Bill will impact the Park Authority's procedure before moving forward with a condemnation.

Mr. Kane noted that the Land Conservation Tax Credit would help the Park Authority to facilitate the Salona acquisition. There were efforts by the Senate Finance Committee to scale the program back, which failed, but it is still under discussion and will probably continue into the next legislative session.

- **Arrowhead Park Opens for Play**

Mr. Kane reported that Arrowhead Park opened for play this week. Combined with the adjacent Colin Powell Elementary School, this site provides about \$3 million of new recreation facilities to the residents of the Sully District. New improvements included three irrigated rectangle fields (two lit) and associated improvements in the park, two lit irrigated diamonds, one irrigated rectangular field and two playgrounds on the school site.

The opening of this park is the culmination of lots of work and partnering. Park Authority and Zoning staff negotiated proffers with Pulte Homes to expand the original 11-acre park into something doubled in size. Combined with the 17-acre school site there is a public green space nearly 40 acres in size. Planning and Development staff with support from Mr. Strickland and Supervisor Michael Frey worked through that process to design a community-serving park with new ball fields and related facilities.

The project is unique as it is the first site to utilize Bermuda grass sod on athletic fields. It also shows a renewed commitment to working with Public Schools to satisfy recreation deficiencies.

Mr. Kane stated that a partnership project like this has many folks to thank. First and foremost Mark Holsteen and Ed Richardson and the entire Area 5 crew deserve credit for making this happen with a major scope shift midstream and still delivering a project this spring.

Mr. Kane extended his thanks to the following individuals for making this project happen. Special thanks to:

- Supervisor Frey's Chief of Staff Meaghan Kiefer
- Planning and Development: Lynn Tadlock, Kirk Holley, Kelly Davis and former staff member John Pitts
- Park Operations: Dan Sutherland, Bob Studholme, Wayne Brissey, Area 5 Crew – Chris Cabrera, Dolen Crawford, Paul Faaborg, James Payne, Kevin Spriggs, Mike Truman, Mike Williams, and Jason Houchins.
- Park Services: Mark Pearson
- Fairfax County Public Schools: Colin Powell Elementary School Principal Brian Hull, and Tammy Wallace, Mark Hilty, and Rich Blake
- DPWES: Site Inspector David Humphrey

- Consultant – John Gattuso, Greenhorne & O'Mara
- Pulte Staff: Stan Settle, Bob Jansen, Erin Lawrence, Bryan Graham, Bryan Johnson (Project Manager), Chris Guzi, Greg May, Ken Curley, Jack West, and Pulte Contractor: S.W. Rogers

- **Upcoming Evens**

Mr. Kane reviewed the Park Authority Board calendar dated April 12, 2006.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
FOR THE RECORD**

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone was absent.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda distributed flyers of the Fairfax County Park Authority and Friends of Mason District Park's Spring Egg Hunt event, which will be held on April 15, 2006 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (rain or shine).

Mr. Vajda announced the Public Hearing for the White Horticultural Park will be on May 8, 2006 at J.E.B. Stuart High School at 7:00 p.m. The park entrance is of great concern to the citizens in the area. Mr. Vajda encouraged Board Members to visit the site if they have not done so already. The Board Members Tour of Park Facilities on April 19, 2006 will include a tour of the White Property.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon was absent.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro was absent.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng had no BOARD MATTERS at this time.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay thanked Judy Pedersen and staff for their help with Supervisor DuBois' Town Meeting.

Mr. Fay noted that the Board Facilities Tour on April 19, 2006 is scheduled to visit the Area 1 Facility Maintenance Site, and indicated that he will report to the citizens that staff has arranged for the Park Authority Board to tour the site.

Mr. Fay requested an update on the budget. Mr. Kane reported that the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee would be meeting on April 21, 2006 for the budget mark-up

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten thanked Messrs. Kane and White for meeting with Supervisor Kauffman for his quarterly review meeting. Mr. Batten reported that he was unable to attend the meeting because he was out-of-town celebrating his 67th birthday with his family.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler requested an update on the Trailfest. Ms. Pedersen announced that brochures will be delivered shortly. The brochure details the entire day's activities in each of the five sections of the trail. The information is already on the website, and as one clicks on the various sections, the activities for the day are highlighted. Ms. Pedersen reported that under Mr. White's leadership, the entire agency has come together, everyone has contributed to this event. Thousands of citizens are expected to come out for the Trailfest event and among those will be folks that will discover our trails for the first time.

Ms. Pedersen reported that the Production Staff has worked very hard to move up the schedule to ensure that ParkTakes will be coming out two weeks early. This issue has a large section on Trailfest.

Ms. Pedersen stated that 15,000 flyers will be distributed to Fairfax County Public Schools next week. Schools have been very involved with the fun runs taking place.

Ms. Kohler stated that this will be a huge event that is taking on more momentum as the event gets closer. Ms. Kohler reported that she has attended a number of Cross County Trail meetings with the "pick and axe" group, who are very enthusiastic and have a number of sidebar events taking place, such as dinners the night before to kick off the event.

Mr. Strickland thanked Ms. Kohler for her participation in the Cross County Trail meetings.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace reported that the Town of Vienna opened Waters Field, the synthetic turf field, in the rain. Congressman Tom Davis, the Vienna Town Council and about 15 children accompanied by several adults, attended the event. Everyone seems very pleased.

Mr. Lovelace reported that he had a conversation with the Director of the Department of Community and Recreation Services, who voiced her concern about groups that partner with the County to install the fields and whether they are still subject to the field use fees.

Mr. White reported that the Park Operations Committee will discuss this topic at the April 26, 2006 meeting.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow invited Board Members to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mount Air Cultural Resource Park at Mount Air Historic Site. This is the first and only of the Park Authority's archaeological parks. Mount Air was a plantation in the mid-18th century and was built by contemporaries of George Washington and George Mason. Although the house has burnt down, a lot of archaeological work has been done at the site.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie thanked Sandy Stallman and staff for attending the Reston Association Recreation Task Force meeting with him to discuss the Park Authority's plans and determine how the Park Authority's plans mix with the Task Force's plans. This is an opportunity to promote some private partnerships with some other organizations.

Mr. Bouie reported that April 14, 2006 marks the opening of the Little League season. He encouraged everyone to get out over the next several weeks and catch a t-ball game at one of the Park Authority fields.

CLOSED SESSION was cancelled.

OTHER ACTIONS

Acceptance of Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 as previously reviewed; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent. Being absent from the March 8, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Batten **ABSTAINED** from the vote. Being absent from the March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on these items.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Bouie **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent.

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 3

Approval – Request for Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2005-PR-041 Merrifield Town Center (Providence District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2005-PR-041 Merrifield Town Center as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006:

- The Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate to the Park Authority the approximate 0.7 acre area shown on the Final Development Plan as “North Park” (Vicinity Map, Attachment 1; Requested Dedication, Attachment 2). This area abuts an open space of 0.38 acres that has been dedicated to the Park Authority pursuant to RZ/FDP 2003-PR-009 Uniwest/Merrifield Town Center Proffers dated February 20, 2004.
- The Park Authority requests the applicant enter into a maintenance agreement with the Park Authority whereby the applicant shall assume the permanent responsibility to maintain the park and pay for all utilities used in the park.
- The Park Authority requests that the open space resulting from the combination of North Park and the Uniwest development park be named “Merrifield Park.”

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Amendment to Lease Agreement Between the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Park Authority Regarding the Use of Lawyers Road School Site (Hunter Mill District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the amendment to the lease agreement between the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Park Authority regarding the use of Lawyers Road School Site.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the amendment to the lease agreement between the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Park Authority regarding the use of Lawyers Road School Site.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on April 26, 2006, prior to the Fairfax County School Board's potential decision on April 27, 2006, declaring the Lawyers Road School Site as surplus property.

BACKGROUND:

The Fairfax County School Board (School Board) entered into a lease agreement with the Park Authority on September 2, 1988 (Attachment 1), under which the School Board leased property from the Park Authority. The property, located in the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of Braddock Road and Union Mill Road consists of approximately 45 acres and is further identified as Tax Map No. 66-1 ((1)) parcel 12 ("Union Mill Road Property" also known as Braddock Park). The lease agreement was necessary to meet the density requirements of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance for Centreville High School, which is adjacent to Braddock Park. In exchange for the lease of a portion of Braddock Park under the Lease Agreement, the School Board leased to the Park Authority a parcel located east of Spring Hill Road and north of Lewinsville Road containing approximately 24.3991 acres and further identified as Tax Map No. 29-2 ((1)) parcel 1D ("Spring Hill School Site"); and a parcel located to the south of Lawyers Road, which property contains approximately 13.6 acres and is further identified as Tax Map No. 37-2 ((15)) parcel A ("Lawyers Road School Site").

In return for increased CIP funding over a designated period of time, the School Board has indicated that it will transfer a total of 12 properties to the Board of Supervisors

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pending the outcome of a public hearing, which was held on April 17, 2006. Both the Spring Hill School Site and the Lawyers Road School Site are on the list of properties to be declared as surplus property and transferred to the Board of Supervisors. The School Board has scheduled a decision on this issue at their meeting on April 27, 2006. The County Attorney's office has advised that an amendment to the existing lease agreement with the School Board is necessary to provide that if the Lawyers Road property is declared as surplus and transferred to the Board of Supervisors, the Lawyers Road property will be subject to the terms of the Lease Agreement. Such an amendment will preserve our use of the Lawyers Road School Site in the same manner as our use of the Spring Hill School Site, which is already protected under the existing lease agreement.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this issue, it is being brought before the Park Authority Board on April 26, 2006 without first having gone through the Planning and Development Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Lease Agreement Dated September 2, 1988

Attachment 2: Amendment to Lease Agreement Dated September 2, 1988

STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director

Timothy K. White, Chief Operating Officer

Todd Johnson, Director, Park Operations Division

Charles Bittenbring, Director, Park Services Division

Lynn S. Tadlock, Director, Planning and Development Division

Kay H. Rutledge, Manager, Land Acquisition and Management Branch

AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1988

This agreement is made on April _____, 2006, by and between the FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY (“Park Authority” or “Lessor”) and the FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (“School Board” or “Lessee”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement entered into a lease agreement dated September 2, 1988 (the “Lease Agreement”), a copy of which is attached to this agreement as Exhibit A, under which the School Board leased property from the Park Authority located in the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of Braddock Road and Union Mill road, which consists of approximately 45 acres and is further identified as Tax Map No. 66-1((1)) parcel 12 (“Union Mill Road Property”), in order to meet the density requirements of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance for Centreville High School, which is adjacent to the Union Mill Road Property; in exchange for the lease of the Union Mill Road Property, under the Lease Agreement, the School Board leased to the Park Authority a parcel located east of Spring Hill Road and north of Lewinsville Road containing approximately 24.3911 acres and further identified as Tax Map No. 29-2((1)) parcel 1D; and a parcel located to the south of Lawyers Road, which property contains approximately 13.6 acres and further identified as Tax Map No. 37-2((15)) parcel A (“Lawyers Road Property”); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the provisions of the Lease Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in the Lease Agreement and contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 10 of the Lease Agreement is hereby amended, effective April __, 2006, to provide as follows: in the event that the Lawyers Road Property is declared surplus real property by the School Board, and title transferred in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-129 (2003), it is the intent of the Park Authority and the School Board that title shall transfer subject to the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement and this amendment, and that all assignees, and successors-in-interest shall continue to be bound by the terms of the Lease Agreement and this amendment.

2. The provisions of the Lease Agreement are incorporated in this amendment and are hereby modified or supplemented to conform with this amendment but in all other respects the remaining provisions of the Lease Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this amendment to the Lease Agreement on the date first written above.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Kane
Executive Director

Commonwealth of Virginia:
: to wit
County of _____ :

The foregoing Agreement was acknowledged before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, on this ____ day of _____ 2006 by _____ its _____.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Commonwealth of Virginia:
: to wit
County of _____ :

The foregoing Agreement was acknowledged before me, a notary public in and
for the Commonwealth of Virginia, on this ____ day of _____ 2006 by
_____ its _____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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ACTION - 2

Approval – Lawyers Road Park Master Plan (Hunter Mill District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the Master Plan for Lawyers Road Park as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Lawyers Road Park General Management Plan and Conceptual Development Plan

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ACTION - 3

Adoption of the 2006-2010 Fairfax County Park Authority Cultural Resource Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the 2006-2010 Fairfax County Park Authority Cultural Resource Management Plan as presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Executive Summary

Executive Summary

A Cultural Resource Management Plan (the Plan) has been developed for the Fairfax County Park Authority as part of its continuing effort to promote the culture of resource stewardship in the county and to continue in its mission to protect cultural resources for present and future generations. Implementation of the Plan will provide the tools, policies and practices to best manage and protect cultural resources both on parkland and county-wide lands. The Plan mandates the consideration of cultural resources in planning processes and calls for education to heighten staff and citizen awareness of these non-renewable resources.

In February of 2005, the Park Authority Board approved the development of a Cultural Resource Management Plan. The Plan is divided into eleven (11) Element Chapters, each of which represents an important topic in Cultural Resource Management. For each Element, Issues are presented, and Strategies are proposed for each Issue. The Element Chapters are: Cultural Resource Planning; Archaeology; Civil War Sites; Archaeological Artifacts and Collections; Historic Buildings, Structures, Objects, and Traditional Cultural Properties; Fairfax County Historic Overlay Districts; Listings; Cemeteries; Cultural Landscapes; Human Impact on Cultural Resources; and Stewardship Education. The Plan also includes a Glossary of Terms and Appendices that present policies, regulations and laws that affect cultural resources. A draft copy of the Plan was completed in September 2005. The Plan was subject to extensive internal and external review, including public comment. All comments were considered by staff and were addressed and incorporated into the document, as appropriate. Comments were received from staff, cultural resource professionals, representatives of citizens' groups and individuals.

The Plan presents a vision of how to manage and protect cultural resources within the county. We live in a county rich in history and cultural resources, but one that is dealing with the challenges of widespread development and a diverse population with varying needs. It is our imperative to manage and protect cultural resources, and also to make them viable and available to a broad-based community. The Plan formalizes practices, proposes policy and procedures, recommends initiatives, and proposes programs for the documentation, management, protection and interpretation of cultural resources. The Plan proposes and supports the stewardship initiatives that are already underway at the Park Authority and is a benefit to the Park Authority and to county citizens because it raises the awareness of our heritage.

The Plan presents 48 Issues that are addressed by a total of 220 Strategies. Thirty (30) strategies represent existing procedures that are being formalized by being listed in the Plan. Five (5) strategies have been completed since the first draft Plan was written. An additional 39 strategies are currently underway. Twenty-two (22) strategies will require not only the efforts of the Cultural Resource Management staff, but the cooperation and full participation of partner agencies. The remaining 124 strategies represent new initiatives and implementation of these initiatives will require effort and creativity on the part of the staff and volunteers. The accomplishment of several of these tasks will require additional staffing and budget support. Details of how we plan to address strategies will be contained in the annual Implementation Plans.

The Plan presented here is ambitious but is also doable, with vision and support. In order to accomplish the initiatives presented in the Plan, we will need the support and cooperation of the Park Authority Board, County and Park Authority paid and volunteer staff, friends' groups and partner agencies. Certain initiatives proposed in the Plan will require additional staff and funding, and these strategies can be funded using traditional funding sources, including bond funds and proffer funds. Other means that can be explored for additional funding may include grants, partnerships, cooperative agreements, and possibly an endowment. Staff will work closely with universities, federal, state and other county agencies, friends groups and volunteers as partnering opportunities. Collaboration with these groups can benefit both the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Section staff, and the county as a whole, by spreading these outreach programs to the public. Staff will work closely with the Grants Administrator and the Park Foundation to obtain and leverage funding.

First year implementation of the Plan will focus on those initiatives that can be accomplished without additional funding. The Stewardship Education initiative has made it apparent that general audiences are less aware of cultural resources than they are of natural resources. In order to rectify this shortfall, every effort will be made to heighten awareness of cultural resources through public outreach, interpretation, and educational programs.

Fairfax County has an abundance of historic treasures. The Cultural Resource Management Plan will provide the framework to fulfill the Fairfax County Park Authority's mission and ensure these cultural treasures are preserved for future generations. The documentation and protection of cultural resources maintains an important link to our heritage and enhances the quality of life for Fairfax County citizens.

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ACTION - 4

Approval – Extension of Open-End Contracts for Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of a one-year extension to the open-end contracts with the firms of Bowie Gridley Architects, P.L.L.C., Gauthier Alvarado & Associates, Samaha Associates, P.C., and Studio 3 Architects, P.C. for architectural and engineering services needed to accomplish the projects in 2004 Park Bond Program (each firm will be extended for a term of one (1) year and the contract limits will be reset to the not to exceed amount of \$400,000); and a final one-year extension to the open-end contracts with the firms of Schnabel Engineering, Burgess & Niple, Inc. and Clough Harbour and Associates, for geotechnical engineering and inspection services (each firm will be extended for a term of one (1) year) as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006.

ACTION - 5

Approval – Placement of Donor Name Plates at The Turner Farm – (Dranesville District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of placement of donor name plates on the existing fence adjacent to the existing parking lot at The Turner Farm. In addition, the Park Authority Director recommends approval for the Friends of Turner Farm to be able to move the plates, in the future, to the proposed perimeter fence in the riding ring that is to be built in 2007 as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006.

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ACTION - 6

Reallocation of Capital Project Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends that the Park Authority Board revise the 2005 – 2009 Project Development Schedule to make additional funds available for critical projects that are currently underfunded by deferring a number of less critical projects scheduled for late in the bond cycle as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006.

ACTION - 7

Contract Award – Open End Contracts for Cultural Landscape Report Consultant Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends that the Park Authority Board approve contract awards to the firms of Rhodeside and Harwell, Inc., John Milner Associates, and Versar. The total contract award is in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for a period of one year with the option of two (2) two-year renewals as presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006

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Quarterly Grants Update

The Park Authority has received notice of award for three grants and has submitted two applications for which the award decision is pending. One grant application was denied.

The Grants Coordinator is coordinating with Park Authority staff in various divisions to identify a number of additional grant opportunities for next quarter, and to match them with projects.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENT:

Attachment 1: Fairfax County Park Authority Quarterly Grants Report,
January – March 2006

STAFF:

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Nancy Russo, Grants Coordinator

Fairfax County Park Authority
Quarterly Grants Report
January – March 2006

I. Grant Awards Received

<i>Award Date</i>	<i>Funding Organization/ Grant Program</i>	<i>Division/Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2/1/06	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities / Discretionary Grant	RMD / Colvin Run Mill Food for Thought Symposium	\$1,400
2/12/2006	Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI) / Stewardship Grant	RMD / Riverbend Park Bioinventories	\$10,000
3/2/2006	National Park Service / Cooperative Grant	RMD / Riverbend Park Clark's Branch Crossing	\$30,000

II. Grant Applications Submitted – Still Outstanding

<i>Submit Date</i>	<i>Funding Organization/ Grant Program</i>	<i>Division/Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10/26/05	Virginia Department of Transportation / Transportation Enhancement Program	P&D / Cross County Trail – Accotink Stream Valley	\$635,000
2/2/06	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation / Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program	RMD / Invasive Management Area	\$50,000

III. Proposals Denied

<i>Submit Date</i>	<i>Funding Organization/ Grant Program</i>	<i>Division/Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9/20/05	Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation / Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	P&D / Salona Property	\$1,500,000

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Senior Fee Adjustment Impact

Presented to and reviewed by the Park Services Committee on April 12, 2006.

INFORMATION - 3

Stringfellow Road Improvements – Preliminary Planning and Design

Presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 12, 2006.